

REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, claims 1-21, all the claims present in this application, were provisionally rejected on the ground of obviousness double patenting in view of one or more copending sibling applications 10/673,712, 10/673,713 and 10/673,736. This is the only rejection of record.

Accompanying this paper is a Terminal Disclaimer that provisionally disclaims that portion of the term of the patent that issues from this application that would otherwise extend beyond the term of the patents that issue from the above-noted sibling applications, if those sibling applications issue into patents. Accordingly, the double patenting rejection based upon such sibling applications is overcome and should be withdrawn.

This application now is in condition for allowance; and early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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